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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET ATTENDANCE AT TRADE SHOWS IN CLOSED
AREAS

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1. DEPARTMENT DEFERS TO EMBASSY JUDGMENT WHETHER PROMOTION
AND INVITATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO SOVIET
MINISTRIES WHICH MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN TRADE SHOWS AND
EXHIBITIONS HELD IN SENSITIVE CLOSED AREAS, SUCH AS LAS
VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS FREQUENTLY WAIVED CLOSED AREA RESTRI-
CTIONS FOR SOVIET COMMERCIAL TRAVEL IN DEFENSE OR SECURITY-
RELATED AREAS (A) IF THE TRIP WAS COMMERCIALLY JUSTIFIABLE
AND (B) IF IT DID NOT COMPROMISE INTERNAL SECURITY. WE
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HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE LATTER CONSIDERATION BY
MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE SOVIET VISITORS WERE CLOSELY SUPER-
VISED AND THAT THEY ADHERED TO AN ITINERARY WHICH WAS CON-
SISTENT WITH THEIR STATED (LEGITIMATE) COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.
FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO THIS TYPE
OF SUPERVISION BECAUSE A SINGLE COMPANY IS SELDOM WILLING
TO UNDERTAKE SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT, THE US GOVERNMENT HAS

NEITHER THE FUNDS NOR PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION,
AND SUCH EVENTS ARE RELATIVELY UNSTRUCTURED. THEREFORE,
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO APPROVE TRAVEL TO
LAS VEGAS AND OTHER AREAS MENTIONED IN REFTELS.

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